IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frédéric FORTIN et al.	Group Art Unit: 3775
Application No.: 10/505,469) Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
Filed: August 20, 2004)
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING DEVICE) Confirmation No.: 4004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of October 7, 2008. A fee of \$65.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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